

State of California
Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region

SUPPLEMENTAL
EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT

June 13, 2012

- ITEM: 10
- SUBJECT: Waste Discharge Requirements: Tentative General Order for Closed, Abandoned, or Inactive Nonhazardous Solid Waste Units within the San Diego Region (Tentative Orders Nos. R9-2012-0001, and Tentative Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R9-2012-0002) (*Amy Grove*)
- PURPOSE: To consider adopting tentative waste discharge requirements General Order No. R9-2012-0001, and tentative monitoring and reporting program (M&RP) No. R9-0012-0002 (Supporting Documents Nos. 1 and 2 respectively). The tentative General Order and M&RP would supersede General Order No. 97-11 for Closed, Abandoned, or Inactive solid waste units (CAI Units) within the San Diego Region.
- DISCUSSION: Recent guidance provided by the State Water Resources Control Board, Office of the Chief Counsel, led the San Diego Water Board to revise the Tentative M&RP from the version released in the original agenda package. It has been modified to allow Dischargers to propose an engineered alternative to the monitoring frequency as requested by the County of San Diego.
- To be eligible to implement an engineered alternative to the detection monitoring frequency of twice annually, a CAI Unit must be in compliance with all of the goals prescribed for a detection monitoring program. The engineered alternative frequency must demonstrate that it is consistent with the performance goals addressed by the prescriptive monitoring standards, is as protective of water quality, and that compliance with the prescriptive standards is economically infeasible [CCR Title 27, sections 20080(b) & (c)].
- This revision resulted in the following change to Key Issue No. 2.

2. The Dischargers may proposed less stringent monitoring requirements; and the San Diego Water Board may approve them pursuant to the allowable engineered alternative provisions of CCR Title 27. however, the M&RP is constrained by the regulatory requirements found in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 27. [Supporting Document No. 2 – Tentative M&RP No. R9-2012-0002; Supporting Document No. 3 – Information Sheet, Part IV, Sections A – H (pages 11-14); Supporting Document No. 7 – Response to Comments, Comments Nos. 1-8 (pages 2–11)]

SIGNIFICANT
CHANGES

This revision also resulted in a change to Significant Change No. 4.

4. The tentative M&RP requires Dischargers to implement a detection monitoring program in accordance with the minimum standards found in CCR Title 27. In the absence of an approved engineered alternative, ~~T~~hese regulations require Dischargers to perform semi-annual groundwater monitoring and provide a more in-depth evaluation of monitoring data through the utilization of statistical analyses. The tentative M&RP also reduces the reporting frequency from semi-annual to annual reporting.

The tentative M&RP is included as a separate investigative Order issued pursuant to Water Code section 13267 to allow the Executive Officer to approve minor changes to the tentative M&RP, when appropriate.